

DETAILED ACTION

Replace the paragraphs on page 10 (lines 19-27) through page 11 (lines 1-2) with the following:

(Linear element 44) A method of producing a linear element as described in linear elements claim~~—~~41 or 42, characterized by further performing expansion processing after the extrusion processing.

(Linear element 45) A method of producing a linear element as described in linear element claim~~—~~43, characterized by further performing expansion processing after the drawing processing.

(Linear element 46) A method of producing a linear element as described in linear elements claim~~—~~44 or 45, characterized by being formed in a ring shape after the expansion processing.